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Application No.: 09/853,710)	
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Filed:	May 14, 2001)	
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For:	IMAGE PROCESSING)	
	SYSTEM, IMAGE DATA	:	
	PROCESSING METHOD,)	
	AND STORAGE MEDIUM	:	November 11, 2004
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

- (1) Japan 11-306119 (2) Japan 11-68765
- These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, namely Japan 2000-144026. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated August 23, 2004 is enclosed.

English language abstracts for each of the foregoing documents have been

located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of

relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English

abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety

and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the

claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this

information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449

and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,

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